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Karen Brooks Hopkins, president of the Brooklyn Academy of Music, recieves the National Medal of Arts from President Obama during a ceremony in the East Room of the White House on Monday.

# O-BAM-A!

### Prez honors local arts venue

**By Matthew Perlman** The Brooklyn Paper

One of the borough's biggest arts

institutions was on the national stage

The Brooklyn Academy of Music received the National Medal of Arts during a White House ceremony presided over by President Obama and first lady Michelle Obama. The commander in chief had high praise for the 153-year-old venue and its fellow medal recipients.

"The moments you help create moments of understanding or awe or joy or sorrow — they add texture to our lives," Obama said. "They are not incidental to the American experience - they are central to it. They are essential to it.

The award has been given out by the National Endowment for the Arts annually since 1984, honoring individuals and institutions that have made significant contributions to the arts.

By Danielle Furfaro

Greenpoint ferry service

India Street pier owner Red-

Sky Capital waited for months to

begin work on the pier that col-

lapsed into the East River in Feb-

ruary, but the repairs wrapped

up just in time to restore ser-

vice as the Newtown Creek sub-

way tube closed for five weeks

so crews could fix Hurricane

their patience as the pier's owner

rebuilt the ferry landing on India

Street to rigorous safety stan-

dards," said Kyle Kimball, pres-

ident of the city's Economic De-

velopment Corporation, which

is charged with overseeing ferry

operations. "We are grateful to

be able to bring ferry service

back to the Greenpoint neigh-

borhood to support riders during

the G train suspension.'

"We thank our passengers for

Sandy damage.

returned on Saturday morn-

ing, hours after the G train's

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The citation accompanying the Brooklyn Academy's medal reads:

"For innovative contributions to the performing and visual arts. For over 150 years, BAM has showcased the works of both established visionaries and emerging artists who take risks and push boundaries.'

The day after all the pomp, a venue honcho was walking on air.
"I'm still floating," said Joe Me-

lillo, and executive producer at the arts complex. "One day you're just doing your job, the next day you get invited to the White House. It just brings a smile to your face.

President Obama and Melillo marvelled that Obama attended a production of "Gospel at Colonus" at the Lafayette Avenue fixture while he was attending Columbia University in 1983, Melillo said.

The show was part of the first Next Wave theater festival and was produced by Melillo.

# HOOK'S BOOK BIND Residents want to turn the page on plan to carve up library

By Noah Hurowitz

The Brooklyn Paper

A scheme to rent out a big chunk of the Red Hook library branch to an arts group is a sweetheart deal that sells out everyday bookworms, residents argued at a packed community board meeting inside the branch last Thursday.

Dozens turned out to the evening meeting of Community Board 6's land use committee concerning the fate of the library, most to condemn the privatization plan.

'Taking away the library would be killing parents who need it for their kids," said Lydia Bellahcene, a Sunset Park resident who said she lived her entire life in Red Hook before Hurricane Sandy displaced her. The committee ultimately decided

to postpone voting on the issue till August, saying it did not have enough information to go on. The committee let it be known that if before the next meeting the library moves forward with the push, which entails carving up threeor four-tenths of the prose dispensary to allow the real estate organization Spaceworks to rent it out to performance artists at supposedly affordable rates, it is opposed

Construction on the dance- and theater-studio space would coincide with other needed repairs, according to library officials. The whole project will



Red Hooker Sheryl Nash-Chisolm rails against a proposal to subdivide a hefty portion of the neighborhood's library branch for private dance studios at a July 24 meeting.

run \$1.8 million, with Spaceworks pitching in \$650,000 to build its studios, library officials said. Both the library system and Spaceworks have refused to disclose how much the arts group will pay in rent.

The library was shuttered for months following Hurricane Sandy after the storm wreaked \$750,000 in damage, a library honcho said. The renovations will close the library for at least eight months, the executive said, stressing the need for the branch to get fixed up regardless of the Spaceworks plan.

'We can't solve everything, and we need to work with partners," said David Wolloch, executive vice president of the Brooklyn Public Library.

Last week was not the first time the proposal came before the board's land

use committee. The group okayed the plan at its June meeting, but revisited it after the panel's executive board ruled there had not been enough public discussion. At the latest meeting, some committee members criticized the library and Spaceworks for leaving out key details of the plan. The partners' presentation included renderings, but lacked a floor plan and a breakdown of which renovations the library could afford without the

\$650,000 from Spaceworks. "Seven thousand five hundred square feet cut in half is not a big library," said board member Jerry Armer, referring to the building's total floor area. 'This presentation is lacking and you want us to make a decision tonight? That's crazy."

Not everyone opposed the subdividing scheme. Cora Dance, a local dance group that would partner with Spaceworks to run the studios in the library, had several supporters in the crowd.

"This program would help us tre-mendously," said Solomon Goodwin, a college student from Red Hook who said he studied at Cora Dance and has also worked there as a teacher. "We're here to help kids grow."

Councilman Carlos Menchaca (D-Sunset Park) attended the meeting, but told this paper he is waiting to hear from more residents before taking a position on the plan.



Rev. Al Sharpton delivered a

# **Cop-choke focus of funeral**

### Prosecute calls at memorial for Gowanus-born Garner

By Noah Hurowitz

The Brooklyn Paper

Al Sharpton brought the fire and brimstone to a Boerum Hill church on July 23 at the funeral for the Gowanus native who died six days prior after police put him in a chokehold on

The liberal firebrand lashed out at the NYPD in front of hundreds of mourners gathered at Bethel Baptist Church in Boerum Hill to remember Eric Garner, the Staten Island father of six who died after police took him down, one using the throat grab that

ton demanded that the officers responsible be held accountable, beyond the reported reassignment of two officers involved to desk duty.

'You always have an excuse when this happens," Sharpton said, drawing parallels to other men killed by New See MEMORIAL on page 12



Ferry timely for G'point

Boat service restored as G service gets cut

# Glass half full

### **Google funding Fort Greene** studio's Parkinson's-dance app

**By Matthew Perlman** 

A Fort Greene dance center is trying to use Google's nascent face-computer to help people with Parkinson's disease get their groove back.

The Mark Morris Dance Group won a \$25,000 grant in early July to come up with a Google Glass app to help Parkinson's sufferers. The Lafayette Avenue center has been running dance-therapy classes for 13 years, and it hopes to use the head-mounted smartphones to bring the techniques into people's homes.

We're thinking about ways we can expand what we do in the dance class beyond the studio," said David Leventhal, program director of Dance for PD, a collaboration between the Mark Morris Dance Group and the Brooklyn Parkinson Group.

Leventhal's program already offers a DVD of its routines but he thinks that Glass, which can be controlled using voice commands or a touchpad located on the side of the glasses, will free up people's hands and allow them to do the exercises wherever and whenever they want.

"We want to offer the lessons in the most portable way possi-



ble," he said.

The class uses music and repetitive movement to help people with Parkinson's regain control of their bodies and, sometimes, become unstuck when their limbs aren't responding to their brains' commands, Leventhal said. The practice and pace provided by dance instruction works as therapy and as a coping mechanism for the acute onset of symptoms, according to a woman who suffers from the disease, runs a therapy class, and helped with the initial planning of the Glass project.

"One of the many ways in which Parkinson's affects you is that it affects the way you move — your posture, your stride, your balance,"



(Above) Parkinson's disease sufferers regain some control of their movement with dance-therapy classes at Mark Morris Dance Center on Lafavette Avenue. (Left) David Leventhal, who runs the classes, demonstrates the new form of fiddling with one's smartphone.

Pamela Quinn said. "Dance is an art form that deals with these very Dancing makes people focus

on their bodies, and the music provides a rhythm for them to move to, Quinn said.

"It provides a structure that can be used to practice movement," she said. Google issued the grant as part

of a contest that garnered 1,300 applications. The company selected five winners to receive cash, a set of the nosetops, a trip to Google's headquarters for training, and access to developers.

The marketing company SS+K is helping Mark Morris engineer the software. Kevin Skobac, who works on digital strategy for the company, said a major limitation of Glass is that the battery life is short. That means the Parkinson's dance app will have to limit the length of videos it plays through the optical display, which projects an image in front of the wearer's eye, he said. Instead of a full video routine, it will probably play a short clip followed by some type of audio cue or music that keeps the rhythm going, he said.

This is the type of innovation the internet juggernaut is trying to promote, he said.

'Google is trying to push boundaries," he said. "They want people to explore how we can use



# **Met loss for Boerum Hill** Smith St. supermarket latest closure to hit boro

By Noah Hurowitz The Brooklyn Paper

A mid-range Boerum Hill grocery store's planned August closure spells the end of affordable shopping in the neighborhood, according to residents who are demanding the building's new

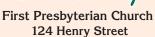
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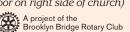
the Met Foods on Smith Street between Baltic and Warren streets for \$18.5 million in May, according to reports, and an employee

**WHAT GROCERY** 

stated the shuttering advertised on signs outside is scheduled to happen by the end of August. Whatever the investors have planned for the site won't provide the same community service as the chain store, which is among the last workaday supermarkets in the area, according to See MARKET on page 12

Henry Street Good Pantry







of the water.

as did Billybey.

sponded to repeated requests without the India Street dock since Feb. 13, when the floating for comment. The G train will be out of serpart of the pier pulled free of its moorings, plunging the connect-

vice between the Nassau Avenue station in Greenpoint and Queens from July 26 until Sept. 5.

trophe, the ferry operator Billy-

bey said it regularly inspects the

parts of the pier that are above

the water, but that no one had

been looking below the surface

Corporation refused to turn over

copies of the inspection records,

The Economic Development

The taxi app Uber announced lyn Bridge Park, Williamsburg, last Friday that it would offer Greenpoint, Queens, and parts free rides — one per person between the closed stations un-



owners allow the shop to stay. A group of developers bought

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# **Hop the Narrows**

### **Brooklyn Brewery ponders expansion**

**By Danielle Furfaro** The Brooklyn Paper

Brooklyn's longest-running brewing company is eyeing opening up a factory across the Narrows on bucolic Staten Island.

Brooklyn Brewery, despite its name, got its start brewing in Utica, New York and now has facilities in Williamsburg and Stockholm, Sweden. The brains behind the beer-making operation said bottles of the stuff are flying off the shelves, particularly out of town, and the new factory cannot open fast enough.

"We are growing very rapidly, and in particular, our exports are growing," said owner Steve Hindy. "We need the resources to keep growing."

The expansive plot Hindy has in mind on the Rock was previously owned by the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing, which bought it in a failed bid to



Brewery is currently considering — the others are upstate near Newburgh but the real estate in the rugged lands of Shaolin is the frontrunner because it is close to the Newark-port transit hub in New Jersey, Hindy said.

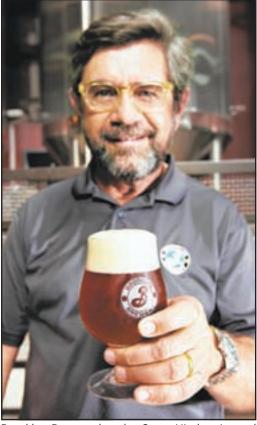
"It would give us very quick access to railroad," he said.

The Staten Island facility would be strictly devoted to production and would not include a bar or store like the brewpubs in Kings County and Sweden, per Hindy.

The fermentation station would start by producing half a million barrels per year and could eventually expand to a full million, according to Hindy, which would be an increase of nearly 10 times its current output. The Brooklyn facility now turns out 80,000 barrels a year, while the Utica operation makes 37,000 and the Sweden one makes a paltry few hundred, Hindy said.

The company will make a final decision by the end of the year and hopes to get the new vats bubbling by 2017,

Building the expansion will cost \$70 million, so



Brooklyn Brewery honcho Steve Hindy, pictured here in his Williamsburg suds-works, is planning to expand his ale empire.



If the big industrial lot near New Jersey does not pan out, there is a lot of wide-open space elsewhere on Staten Island where Brooklyn Brewery could set up shop.

Hindy is hoping to score some of the state money that is earmarked for manufacturers

"If we can get some help with that, it would make it a lot more desirable," he said

The new facility would triple the Brewery's staff to more than 300, Hindy



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# Litigation treatment

### Activists sue Methodist Hospital over expansion plan

**By Noah Hurowitz** The Brooklyn Paper

These Slopers still have some fight left in them.

A Park Slope activist group is suing New York Methodist Hospital in a lastditch effort to halt the medical center's planned expansion, which it says will overwhelm

the neighborhood with traf-

architecture. The city has approved the project, but the latest attempt to block it is based on the claim, often used by anti-development activists, that an environmental study has to be done before con-

struction can proceed. "It seems to me that Meth-

fic, smog, and out-of-place ter of the law," said Eve Gartner, a member of Preserve Park Slope, which is bringing the suit. "When you do something this big and fundamentally altering of the community, you need to play by

Preserve Park Slope has been doing battle with Methodist has not been playing by the rules or following the let-since the hospital first aneight-story, U-shaped outpatient center along Fifth Street, Eighth Avenue, and Sixth Street. The new building is slated to include a surgery facility, an urgent-care center, a 300-spot parking garage, and a cancer center, among other facilities.

nounced its plan to build an

The Board of Standards and Appeals signed off on the project in June despite a series of detailed counterarguments by opponents, including a plan they drew up for a lower-slung version of the facility.

The latest offensive seeks to have the approval process voided for supposedly violating laws that require a detailed environmental impact statement created in consultation with multiple government agencies, rather than Methodist's more cursory en-

vironmental assessment. "A project of this size presumptively requires an EIS, but that wasn't done here,"

The litigants also claim



rendering shows the new building New York Methodist Hospital hopes to build in Park Slope.

that Methodist has not shown why the expansion is necessary in the first place.

Methodist tweaked its plans several times before getting city approval, and a spokeswoman for the hospital said the new lawsuit was "without merit" and could stall a project that is vital to the community.

We are disappointed that a small, special-interest group has chosen to ignore the land use process and file this suit," Lyn Hill said. "It could delay construction of the Center for Community Health, a facility that will bring much-needed ac-

cess to cutting-edge outpatient healthcare to Brooklyn residents.'

Methodist has not announced when demolition will begin on the 16 townhouses in the expansion's footprint, some of them dating to the 19th century, or when construction on the new facility will begin, but there is no indication the lawsuit has slowed the process so far. A search of property records turned up no demolition permits on any of the threatened townhouses. The Department of Buildings would have to approve such permits before work could start.

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# **Teen missing** Disappered in Fort Greene

By Matthew Perlman The Brooklyn Paper

Police are asking for help finding a 16-year-old girl who they say disappeared from Fort Greene last Wednes-

Relatives last saw Aiani Jones on July 23 at 4 am, in her home on Saint Felix Street between DeKalb Avenue and Fulton Street, cops

said. She was wearing black sweatpants, a blue shirt, and a pair of striped Air Jordan sneakers, according to the authorities

She is 5-feet-2 and weighs 160 pounds, an NYPD release states.

Police ask anyone with information on Jones's whereabouts to call (800)



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# Punks punch straphanger, steal tablet

### 84TH PRECINCT

Brooklyn Heights-DUMBO-Boerum Hill-

Downtown A predatory pair punched a man in the face and grabbed his electronic tablet as he rode a Church Avenue-bound G train on July 15, according to the authorities.

The 28-year-old victim said he was sitting on the train at 8 pm when the goon came over and snatched the device just as the doors of the car were opening at the Bergen Street stop.

The victim turned around and received a swift punch to the back of the head from a second straphanger, cops said. Both brutes took off running towards the Court Street exit, police said.

### Bike trip

A thief stole a bicycle from the hallway of an Atlantic Av-

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enue building on July 10 or **Run the jewels** 11, the authorities said.

A 28-year-old cyclist said his carbon-fiber road bike was in the hallway when he left his apartment between Nevins Street and Third Avenue on July 10 at 3 pm. But when he returned the next day at 2 pm, the bike was gone, officers said.

### You Q, you lose A pickpocket put hands on

a woman's wallet on a Brooklyn-bound Q train on July 13, police said.

The 24-year-old woman said she boarded the Q train in Manhattan at 3:30 pm and realized the wallet was gone when she arrived at the DeKalb Avenue station at 4 pm.

The crook used the debit card to purchase MetroCards at two different locations before the victim canceled it. according to police.

to network and do charitable work in their community.

**WHAT IS ROTARY?** 

A burglar made off with a bunch of jewelry from a State Street apartment sometime between June 30 and July 14. cops said.

A 48-year-old resident of the apartment between Clinton Street and Sidney Place said her jewelry box was on the bureau in her bedroom when she left for a trip to Tennessee at 3 pm on June 30.

She returned at 8 am on July 14 and discovered 33 items missing, according to a report. The baubles included rings, earrings, and watches estimated to be worth \$8,900, the report says

### Spicing it up

Officers arrested two women who they say stole another woman's cellphone and sprayed her with pepper spray outside of a Livingston Street restaurant on

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The 24-year-old victim said she was smoking a cigarette in front of the restaurant between Gallatin Place and Hoyt Street at 11 pm when the 23- and 24-year-old suspects came over, grabbed her device, and sprayed her in

### **Tools crime**

A crook absconded with a bunch of construction tools from a MetroTech office on July 19, law enforcement officials recounted.

Workers locked up the office, which is in a building on the corner of Jay Street and the Myrtle Avenue promenade, at 2 am, a report states. When employees entered the office at 7 am that same morning, the door had been wedged open, according to a report.

The sneaks hauled off three chipping guns, three reciprocating saws, and a coring machine, among other equipment, cops said.

### 88TH PRECINCT

### Fort Greene-Clinton Hill **Break-in news**

Police reported five apartment burglaries this week in Fort Greene and Clinton Hill. Here's the rundown:

• A burglar hit a Clifton Place apartment on July 21 or 22, taking a laptop, a watch, and a bracelet, cops said.

The pad's 26-year-old tenant told police he left the spot between Grand and Classon avenues at 9 am on July 21 and returned at 6:30 the next morning to find his stuff taken from his bedroom. There were no signs of forced entry, a report states.

•A prowler burglarized a Washington Avenue residence sometime between July 23 and 24, officers said.

The 43-year-old victim said he left the unit between Greene and Gates avenues at 7:10 am, and when he returned at 3:15 am the next day he found his door unlocked. The sneak thief scored a computer, a hard drive, and a bike, according to a report.

· A fiend snatched a sleeping woman's wallet from inside her apartment on Fulton Street on July 25, according to law enforcement officials.

The 27-year-old woman said she went to bed in her dwelling between S. Elliott Place and S. Portland Avenue at 4:30 am, and when she woke up at 7:45 am the billfold was gone. The woman also said she keeps a spare key she keeps hidden in the hall had been taken, cops

· A villiain pushed in an

air-conditioning unit on Clermont Avenue the same day, taking a bunch of electronics from inside the apartment, the authorities said.

The 25-year-old victim reported he left the building between Flushing and Park avenues at 8 am, and when he arrived home at 7 pm he saw that the cooling unit had been shoved in through the window. The culprit took \$300 in cash, a laptop, video games, and a pair of headphones, cops said.

•On July 26, a bandit lifted a laptop from an abode on Clinton Avenue, police recounted.

The 40-year-old victim said he locked the door to his home between Willoughby and DeKalb avenues when he went to the movies at 8 pm.

But when he returned at midnight the device had evaporated.

### Low ride

A pickpocket snatched a fellow passenger's wallet while they rode a B38 bus on Lafayette Avenue on July 24, according to a report. A witness said she saw the

lowlife go into the 34-yearold victim's purse and swipe the billfold while the bus was at the corner of Lafayette and Vanderbilt avenues at 5 pm, officers said.

The woman then checked her bag and noticed the wallet — which contained \$80 cash, a MetroCard, and insurance cards — was gone, cops said.

### Choke mope

Cops cuffed a 25-year-old man who they said choked a woman before stealing her phone on Ashland Place on July 23 The victim said she was

walking home from work at 8:30 pm, and when she got to the corner of Willoughby Street, the suspect approached her and started an argument. The accused shoved her

and throttled her before grabbing the device and taking off, cops said. Officers arrested the fel-

low minutes later, a police

— Matthew Perlman

### 76TH PRECINCT

Carroll Gardens-Cobble Hill-Red Hook

Stranger danger Three wannabe toughs jumped a man on Smith Street

on July 19, law enforcement officials reported. The man was trying to

hail a cab near Ninth Street at 3:30 am when three louts approached, per police. 'Hey stranger!" yelled

one of the fiends, who then clocked the fellow in the face, according to officers. A second brute grabbed the 26-year-old man's bag and the third kicked him twice in the stomach, police said. The scalawags made off with a credit card and \$60 in cash, according to the au-

The victim was transported to Long Island College Hospital, where he received seven stitches above his right eyebrow, police said. - Noah Hurowitz

### **68TH PRECINCT** Bay Ridge-Dyker Heights Doggy bag

An opportunistic car thief stole a delivery guy's new ride as the working stiff was handing a 78th Street customer food on June 27, ac-

cording to a report.

The driver stopped at the residence between 10th and 11th avenues in Dyker Heights at 4:20 pm, leaving his car unlocked and running while he dropped off the meal, police said.

In the meantime, the auto thief jumped in the 2014 Honda CRV and sped away on 78th Street, then 10th Avenue, a report states.

### Some haul A burglar burst into a 96th

Street residence and stole thousands of dollars worth of electronics on July 24, cops stated. The victims left for work

at 7:35 am and returned at 3 pm to find their house near Fourth Avenue in Bay Ridge ransacked, law enforcement officials said. The thief made off with two computers, two tablets, two cellphones, a 32inch television, a video game system, and gold jewelryall estimated at \$3,370, according to the authorities.

Police said they believe the burglar pushed in a windowmounted air conditioner to gain entry and exited through a back window. A neighbor recalled seeing a man dressed in all black carrying a hammer in the back of the building, police recounted.

### Rims ripped off A nocturnal no-goodnik

stole the rims and tires off of a car parked on 80th Street sometime overnight on July 21, police recounted.

The vehicle's owner reported he parked his ride on the street between 10th and 11th avenues in Dyker Heights at 11:30 pm on Monday, but when he returned at 7:25 am the next day, his \$1,800 rims and tires were gone, cops said.

– Max Jaeger

### 94TH PRECINCT Greenpoint-Northside

### No fare

A lousy customer stole a cab on McGuinness Boulevard on July 24 after the driver demanded that he pay his hefty bill, cops reported.

The 32-year-old victim said he picked up the man at the corner of Atlantic Avenue and Flatbush Avenue at 11:55 pm and drove the man to Queens, then to Broadway and Myrtle Avenue in Bushwick. Three-quarters of the way through the ride, the cabbie stopped the car at the corner of McGuinness Boulevard and Meeker Avenue and demanded that the fare pay the \$85 that he already owed, officers said.

When the passenger refused, the hack got out of the car to call police and the goon climbed into the driver's seat and drove off, a report states. The thief also stole about

\$200 that the cabbie had left in his wallet inside the vehicle, cops reported. Officers recovered the

car on Powers Street, they said.

### **Easy pickins**

An opportunist stole a man's car when he left it parked on Richardson Street on July 25 with a rear hatch open, the front driver's-side door open, and the keys in the ignition, police said.

The victim reported that left the vehicle between Debevoise and Kingsland avenues from 7:40 am to 8:15 am as he was loading it. The last time he came out of the building, he saw a lowlife driving the car around the corner, officers said.

### **Getting blunted**

A bully beaned a guy in the head after they got into an argument on the corner of Commerical Street on July

21, the authorities said. The 57-year-old victim said he was going back and forth with the testy fellow near Franklin Street at 7:50 pm. Mid-discussion, the brute picked up a blunt object and bashed the victim in the head, leaving a deep cut, according to the NYPD. The fiend then fled, cops said.

### 90TH PRECINCT

### **Surprise** A machete-wielding rob-

ber ambushed a teenager on Stagg Walk on July 27 and got away with his phone, wallet, and bicycle, police said.
The 18-year-old victim

said he was walking between Leonard Street and Manhattan Avenue at 5 pm when the marauder came out of the shadows wielding the big blade along with a pocketknife.

"Give me everything you got," the ruffian said, then put the machete up to the vic-

tim's face, per a report. The victim forked over his phone, wallet, red mountainbike, headphones, and Metro-Card, officers said. The victim told police he did not see where the thief ran off to af-

### terwards. **Frienemies** A pair of villains posed as

good Samaritans to get close to a woman so they could rob her on S. Eighth Street on July 27, officers said. The 31-year-old victim

said she was standing in front of her friend's building between Wythe Avenue and Berry Street at 5:05 am. distraught and trying to call her neighbor on the phone to get inside. The cretinous twosome strolled up and said they would wait with her, according to a report.

"Don't cry. We will help you," one of the ne'er-dowells told her, per police. When the friend finally

opened the door, the louts grabbed the waiting woman's iPhone out of her hand and scrammed towards Bedford Avenue, an NYPD account says. **Motor-cross** 

### Cops cuffed a couple of

guys who they say stole a motorcycle out of a Wythe Avenue parking garage on July 11.

The victim said he parked his hog in a lot at the corner of Keap Street at 7:30 pm. He thought it was safe until he heard from a police officer, who told him he had found the ride in Queens. The guys were caught on camera, cops said. — Danielle Furfaro

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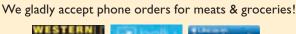
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# Book-lyn Heights New walking tour celebrates

**By Matthew Perlman** The Brooklyn Paper

o walk in the footsteps of Brooklyn's literary elite would be complete without a stroll to the bar. The Brooklyn Literary Pub

Crawl is a bi-weekly walking tour running in Brooklyn Heights and Boerum Hill with stops at locations where Brooklyn writers have lived and imbibed. But the tour of-

fers more than just a brush with the borough's literary legends, said tour founder Eric Chase (pictured right). "We don't want it to be the Hollywood mansion tour," Chase said. "We

want people to hear the words where they were written.' To that end, guides read from passages of works written in the neighborhoods as the group crawls from pub to pub. Chase hopes the experience helps people connect with the authors.

We try to bring their stories to life a little bit," he said.

Chase started giving guided tours of literary landmarks in the Greenwich Village section of Manhattan back in

**BOOKS** 

 $a\ storied\ neighborhood$ 

Literary Pub Crawl start-ing at the Henry Street Ale House [62 Henry St. be-tween Orange and Cranberry streets in Brooklyn Heights, (212) 613–5796, www.literarypubcrawl.com]. Aug. 3, 17, and 31 at 1 pm. \$20 (\$15 students and seniors). 1998. And since many writers moved from the Village

> Heights, he believes it makes for a natural extension of his original excursions. They had a real affinity for that neighborhood," Chase

to the area around Brooklyn

The two-and-a-half hour tour makes stops at three different bars, and includes plenty of prose-filled and poetic diversions along the way.

The first location is the Henry Street Ale House, which Chase picked because of its proximity to Walt Whitman Park in Cadman Plaza. The famous Bard of See CRAWL on page 10



erary landmarks.

🛈 110 Columbia Heights

Hart Crane lived in this building, and the view inspired his poem "To Brooklyn Bridge."

**2** 142 Columbia Heights Norman Mailer lived here on and off from 1962

until his death in 2007.

**3** 5 Montague Terrace Thomas Wolfe, author of "Look Homeward, An-

gel," lived here from 1933-1935.

**4** 91 Remsen Street

Henry Miller, author of the once banned "Tropic of Cancer" and "Tropic of Capricorn," lived in this house from 1924-1925.

**5** 70 Willow Place Truman Capote's live here from 1955-1965,

where he wrote "In Cold Blood," and, of course, "A House on the Heights."

GAMES

# **Guitar heroes**

And your mom told you all those hours spent

playing video games were a waste of time. The Brick theater in Williamsburg is hosting a night of "Rock Band" karaoke on Aug. 2 and your skills could help sick kids.



'It is inspired by our tabletop games that we have been doing for years," said Robyne Martinez, the Brick's

marketing manager.
Rock Band Karaoke is exactly what you think it is. The theater will provide all of the instruments, and each

player can expect to get rated not only by the game, but also by other participants.

The night will include songs from all versions of "Rock Band," — which means more than 800 tracks, plus about 75 Beatles tunes.

All money raised will go to Child's Play, a charity that provides games for kids in hospital. Participants who buy a game for the Children's Hospital at Montefiore in the Bronx off its Amazon wish list will get free entry.

Rock Band Karaoke at the Brick [579 Metropolitan Ave. between Lorimer Street and Union Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 285-3863, www.bricktheater.com]. Aug. 2 at 10 pm. Free with donation. — Danielle Furfaro

### MOVIES

# **Cine city**

Grab some popcorn — and your Spanish St. Paul's Church in Williamsburg is hosting a

film series in August, showing four classic movies from around the Spanish-speaking world with subtitles. The festival's organizer hopes the fest will bring the neigh-

borhood's residents together across age and language barriers.
"We want an atmo-

sphere where people can wander in off the street, enjoy movies from their childhood. and create a culture of mingling and cultural expression,"

said Ben McKelahan, a pastor McKelahan said he hopes to bring back the

atmosphere the neighborhood lost when the Commodore Theater closed down in 2002. The first film will be 1964's "El Padrecito," or "The Little Priest." It stars Cantinflas, an actor

known as the Charlie Chaplin of Mexico. Latin American Film Festival at St. Paul's Lutheran Church [334 S. Fifth St. between Rodney and Keap streets, (510) 926-2310, www.

parablesnyc.org/filmfestival]. Aug. 7, 14, 21, and 28 at 8 pm. Free.

### ART

# **Edible art**

Call it chocolate chipped! A Gowanus artist is fusing her love of engi-

neering and art in a new exhibition. In "Gonna Put a Hacks on You," opening Aug. 7 at Littlefield, Ariel Cotton has wired up a range of seemingly mundane

objects to do unexpected things. One piece, titled "Lady Godiva," is a of miniature

ladies made out of chocolate, with edible circuitry inside. The works make orgasmic and painfulsounding moans when you bite into them. The piece illustrates the

thin boundary between pleasure and pain, explained Cotton — especially when it comes to eating chocolate.

"As a self-professed chocoholic, eating chocolate is one of the most heavenly sensations I've ever experienced, but it can quickly turn into an unpleasant experience if you eat too much. or even make you seriously ill," she said.

Cotton first discovered the scientific side of creating while studying at Cooper Union School of Art in Manhattan.

"I saw robotics projects, laser cutters, and other projects and tools that fascinated me," said Cotton. "I was hooked from that point onward." "Gonna Put A Hacks On You" opening re-

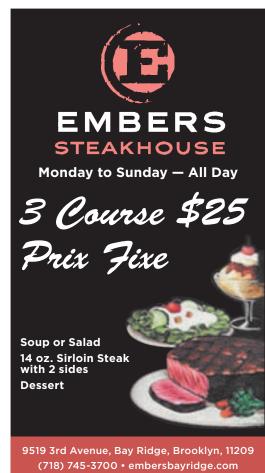
ception at Littlefield (622 Degraw St. between Third and Fourth avenues in Gowanus, www. littlefieldnyc.com). Aug. 7 at 6-9 pm. Free. Through Sept. 1.

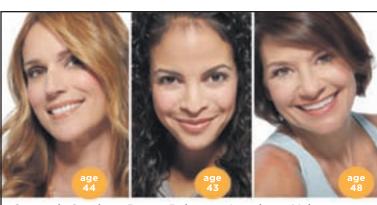












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### **FRIDAY**

Aug. 1



### Stepping out

Because the "plots" scenes from the four "Step Up" films (yes, screening will be accompanied by a drinking game and a contest to identify actual dialogue from the films. Hot tip like Funyuns, broccoli, and ball sweat?" is a real line.

7 pm at Videology [308 Bedford Ave. at S. First Street in Williamsburg, (718) 782-3468, www.vid-

### **SATURDAY**

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Parkway between

Aug. 2

### Islands rhythms This month's edition of First Saturday at the Brooklyn Museum will celebrate the borough's

were just filler anyway, bar-theater Videology will play just the dance they have made four: a fifth is on its way). The "Yo, why my crib smell

eology.info]. Free.

### **SUNDAY** Aug. 3

### **Bard Ridge**

A Ridge by any name would smell as sweet. The Brooklyn Shakespeare Festival returns to Owl's Head Park, this time with a production of "Romeo and Juliet." The 60-minute version of the tragedy will run three times throughout the day. There will also be a performance of renowned Shakespearean play "Robin Hood" at 4 pm, and live guitar and flute music between shows.

Noon, 2:45 pm, and 6 pm at Owl's Head Park Overlook (68th Street and Colonial Road in Bay Ridge). Free.

### **MONDAY**

Aug. 4

### Telling tales

Fiction gets some fresh air at Brooklyn Bridge Park's Books Beneath the Bridge reading series. This edition will feature two authors of modern (adult) fairy tales — Genevieve Valentine ("The Girls at the Kingfisher Club") and Kate Bernheimer ("How A Mother Weaned Her Girl from Fairytales.")

7 pm at Brooklyn Bridge Park Pier 1, Granite Prospect (Near Furman and Old Fulton streets, bridgepark.org). Free.



### **TUESDAY**

Aug. 5



### **Quiz-itch**

You're a trivia wizard, Harry! Potterheads can test their knowledge of "the boy who lived" and his magical pals at Trivia AD's Harry Potter trivia night. Sorry, Daniel Radcliffe fans — all five rounds will be about the books only. Get in early to get a seat.

8 pm at the Tea Lounge [837 Union St. between Sixth and Seventh avenues in Park Slope, (718) 789-2762, www.triviaad.

# **NINE DAYS IN BROOKLYN**

### FRI, AUG. 1

### **PERFORMANCE**

THEATER, CIRQUE DU SOLEIL — VA-REKAI: \$50.95-\$174.40. 7:30 pm. Barclays Center [620 Atlantic Ave. at Pacific Street in Prospect Heights, (917) 618–6100], www.barclayscen-

MUSIC, THE BOX TIGER, MOUNT SHARP, CHAOS CHAOS, FLYING PACE: \$10 (\$8 in advance). 8 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638– 4400], www.unionhallny.com.

MUSIC, MUCCA PAZZA, M.A.K.U. SOUNDSYSTEM: \$12. 8 pm. Brooklyn Bowl [61 Wythe Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 963–3369], www.brooklynbowl.com.

MUSIC, GALAPAGOS NOW!, THE DREADFUL CROWS, THE SEV-ENS: \$10. 8 pm. Glasslands (289 Kent Ave. at S. Second Street in Williams of the liamsburg), www.glasslands.con MUSIC, NEON INDIAN, THE GREAT

VOID, TA\$\$Y: \$15. 11:59 pm. Cameo Gallery [93 N. Sixth St. be-tween Wythe Avenue and Berry Street in Williamsburg, (718) 302– 1180], www.cameony.net. MUSIC, U.S. ROYALTY, GOLDEN YOUTH, CANTINA: \$12. 9 pm. Rough Trade NYC (64 N. Ninth St. between Wythe and Kent avenues).

### www.roughtradenyc.com. **OTHER**

"CHICAGO IN L.A. -– JUDY CHICAGO'S EARLY WORK 1963-74": The first survey on the East Coast of the artist's early career. \$12 (suggested). 11 am–6 pm. Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 638–5000], www.brooklynmuseum

FIREWORKS ON THE BEACH: The night sky lights up over Coney Island. **Free**. 9:30 pm. Cone Island Boardwalk (Boardwalk between W. 10th and W. 15th streets in Coney

THE KINGS OF KARAOKE: Karaoke dance party. Free. Midnight. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638-44001, www.unionhallny.com.

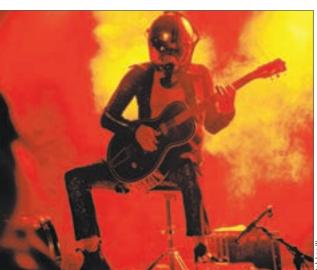
### SAT, AUG. 2

### **PERFORMANCE**

MUSIC, FAMILY CONCERT: Walk usic, FAMILT CONCERT: Walk across the gangplank of a renovated coffee barge for this family friendly event. Free. 3 pm. Brooklyn Bridge Park Pier 1 (Furman Street and Middagh Street in Brooklyn this between the street and Middagh Street in Brooklyn this between the street and Middagh Street in Brooklyn this between the street and Middagh Street in Brooklyn this between the street and the stree Heights), www.nycgovparks.org.

MUSIC, SLAVVE: Free. 2 pm. Rough Trade NYC (64 N. Ninth St. between Wythe and Kent avenues). www. MUSIC, THE BASEBALL PROJECT,

THE MINUS 5: \$20. 9 pm. Rough Trade NYC (64 N. Ninth St. between Wythe and Kent avenues). www. roughtradenyc.com.



Helmet hair: One-man-band Bob Log III plays the Wick on Aug. 5.

### **SALES AND MARKETS**

GRAND ARMY PLAZA GREENMAR-KET: Farm-fresh seasonal produce, meats, prepared foods, compost drop-off, and live performances. Free. 8 am–4 pm. Grand Army Plaza (Union Street between Flatbush Avenue and Prospect Park West in Park Slope).

ARTISTS & FLEAS: New designers come in each weekend. Free admis-sion. 10 am–7 pm. Artists & Fleas (70 N. Seventh St. between Kent and Wythe avenues in Williams-burg), www.artistsandfleas.com. BROOKLYN FLEA FORT GREENE:

150 vendors selling crafts, antiques food, and more, Free, 10 am-5 pm. [176 Lafayette Ave. between Clermont and Vanderbilt avenues in Fort Greene, (718) 928–6603], www.brooklynflea.com.

### **OTHER**

POTTERCON: An adult Harry Potter fan party, with trivia, a costume contest, and prizes. Free. 2 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643–6510], www.thebellhouseny.com.

PARTY LIKE IT'S 1999: The Young Guns of August" edition of this monthly dance party will celebrate "Young Guns II." Free. 10 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-65101 www.thebellhouseny.com.

### SUN, AUG. 3

### **PERFORMANCE**

MUSIC, NICK HAKIM: Free, 2 pm. Rough Trade NYC (64 N. Ninth St. between Wythe and Kent avenues). www.roughtradenvc.com COMEDY, COMEDY NIGHT: Hosted

by Hannibal Burress. First come, first seated. **Free**. 9 pm. Knitting Factory [361 Metropolitan Ave. at Havemeyer Street in Williamsburg, (347) 529–6696], bk.knittingfactory.

### **SALES AND MARKETS**

BROOKLYN FLEA WILLIAMSBURG: 150 vendors selling crafts, antiques, and more. Free. 10 am–5 pm. [50 Kent Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 928–6603], www.brooklynflea.com.

### OTHER

THE WIND-UP CIRCUS TOY SHOW: A demonstration of mechanical A demonstration or mechanical and wind-up circus-themed toys—some over 100 years old. \$10.2 pm. Shooting Gallery Arts Annex (1208 Surf Ave. between Stillwell Avenue and W. 12th Street in Coney Island),

www.conevisland.com.

ART, DRINK & DRAW: Weekly figure drawing class; model, crayons, and paper provided, or bring your own materials. Free (2-drink minimum). 10:30 pm. Macri Park Bar [462 Union Ave. at Metropolitan Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 599–4999], www.macripark.com.

### MON, AUG. 4 PERFORMANCE

MUSIC, PAJAMA PEOPLE, TWINKIDS, CITYGIRL, MUTEBOY: \$10. 8:30 pm. Glasslands (289 Kent Ave. at S. Second Street in Williams burg), www.glasslands.com. COMEDY, STAND UP COMEDY: Free

9 pm. Freddy's Bar [627 Fifth Ave. between 17th and 18th streets in Greenwood Heights, (718) 768-0131], www.freddysbar.com.

### OTHER FILM, "IMITATION OF LIFE": Screen-

ing of 1959 Lana Turner classic which tells the story of an African-

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American woman and her light-skinned, mixed-race daughter, with a post-film discussion led by author a post-film discussion led by author and CUNY sociology professor Erica Chito-Childs. Free. 6:30 pm. Brooklyn Historical Society [128 Pierrepont St. at Clinton Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 222–4111], www.brooklynhistory.org. THE WILLIAMSBURG SPELLING BEE:

Free. 7 pm. Pete's Candy Store [709 Lorimer St. at Richardson Street in Williamsburg, (718) 302–3770], www.petescandystore.com.

TALK, THE MOTH STORY SLAM: Storytelling competition. \$8.8 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643–6510], www.thebellhouseny.com.

### TUES, AUG. 5

### **PERFORMANCE**

MUSIC, BOB LOG III: \$14 (\$12 in advance). 9 pm. The Wick [260 Meserole St. at Bushwick Place in Bushwick, (347) 799–1049], www.

thewicknyc.com.

COMEDY, LIAM MCENEANEY 29TH BIRTHDAY BASH: Comedian Liam McEneaney celebrates his 29th birthday with Gilbert Gottfried, Mike Doughty, Kaki King, Amanda Melson, and more. \$20.8 pm. Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Av.

enue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], www.thebellhousenv.co COMEDY, "THE FANCY SHOW": Producers Michael Joyce, Langston Kerman, Lane Pieschel, Simmons McDavid, and Jenny Zigrino share the stage with local talent. Free. 8 pm. Bar Reis [375 Fifth Ave. between Fifth and Sixth streets in Park Slope, (718) 974–2412].

TALK, LEV GROSSMAN: Author of "The Magician's Land" in conver-sation with fellow authors Lauren sation with fellow authors Lauren Oliver, Margaret Stohl, and Erin Morgenstern, plus a magician trivia contest. Free. 7 pm. St. Joseph's College (245 Clinton Ave. between Willoughby Street and Dekalb Avenue in Clinton Hill).

READING, "WHAT WE SEE WHEN WE READ": Peter Mendelsund in conversation with Will Schwalbe. 7 om PowerHouse Arena [37 Main St. at Water Street in Dumbo, (718) 666–3049], www.powerhousearena.com

MUSIC, "THE WAY YA LIKE" OPEN MIC: Local bands, musicians, singers, artists, and poets ply their craft on an open stage. Play or just listen. **Free**. 8 pm. Goodbye Blue Monday [1087 Broadway, between Lawton and Dodworth streets in

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### PUSSY GALORE! TWO PURR-FECT CAT EVENTS

# Me-Yow!

### Rocker releases new book of cat pictures

By Danielle Furfaro The Brooklyn Paper

avid Yow is part punk,

part cat ladv. The 53-year-old is best known as the front-man of noise rock bands Scratch Acid and the Jesus Lizard. But he recently discovered a new creative outlet - drawing pictures of cats. The purrific illustrations are mostly inspired by puns — one, ti-tled "Cat Burglar," is a cat dressed as a thief; another, "Catatonic," is a drunk cat. Now, Gowanus publisher Akashic Books is releasing a cat-o-log of Yow's work, which he will present at Word bookstore on Aug. 5.

The Brooklyn Paper caught up with Yow to talk about the cat-alyst for his unique art.

David Yow presents "Copycat: And a Litter of Other Cats" at Word [126 Franklin St. betweer Milton and Noble streets Greenpoint, (718) in Green 383–0096, 383–0096, www.word-bookstores.org]. Aug. 5 at 7 pm. Free.

Danielle Furfaro: When did you start doing cat draw-

**David Yow**: At the very end of the 1970s, when I was just getting into punk rock, I was with a dear friend of mine named Tom. I drew a cat and put "Tom" on it. I ended up making a bunch of drawings with silly puns. I did about 20 of them on three- by fiveinch pieces of paper. My mom



a black poster board in the laundry room of my parents' house. Then she passed away and I have no idea what hapened to them.

**DF**: Have you been consistently drawing cat puns all these years?

**DY**: I was not doing it consistently at all. In fact, I probably hadn't drawn any in years. But, a few years ago, I got asked out of the blue to do a one-man art show. I hadn't done serious paintings since used to have them stuck on college, so I had a lot of paint-

ings to do in a short amount of time. I did a domestic cat that was huge, three feet by three feet in an ornate gaudy gold frame, and it looked so cool I decided to start making them again.

**DF**: Which is your favorite?

**DY**: My favorite does not have a cat in it at all. It is 'Stray Cat" and it is just a picture of a wall. Of the ones that do have cats, I don't think I have a favorite. If I picked one, the others would get an-



Kitty pride: David Yow, and, left, one his drawings, titled "Catatonic."

gry or at least their feelers would be hurt.

**DF**: Do you have a cat? **DY**: Right now, I have a cat named Little Buddy, and he just celebrated his eighth birthday. My girlfriend has two cats, Vinny and Neko.

**DF**: Did you draw any of the cats to look like actual cats?

**DY**: Only the celebrity ones, like Stimpson J. Cat and Sylvester and Grumpy Cat. If there was a Stimpy [of Ren and Stimpy] in real life and his portrait was done in my cat style, [Stimpson J. Cat] is what he would look like.





# The hell cats

### An expert in demonic felines will give a talk in Gowanus

By Noah Hurowitz The Brooklyn Paper

ats — lovable family pets, or evil minions of Satan?

The answers will finally be revealed on Aug. 7, when an expert in kitties and their historic association with the devil gives a talk at the Morbid Anatomy Library and Museum in Gowanus.

'Cats were such a symbol that if an old lady had a lot of cats, she was a de facto witch," said Paul Koudounis, a photographer and "macabre art historian" who lives in Los Angeles. "People are so in love with cats now, I don't think many people realize the incredible amount of negativity there used to be.'

Koudounaris stumbled on the notion of evil cats when he was researching a book that brought him into the weird world of medieval superstition. He kept coming across stories — largely from the United Kingdom and elsewhere in Europe

### TALK

'Demonically Possessed Cats" with Paul Koudounis at the Morbid Anatomy Library and Museum (424 Third Ave. be-tween Sixth and Seventh Streets in Gowanus, www.morbidan-... Sowanus, www.morbidan-atomy.blogspot.com). Aug 7. at 8 pm. \$8.

- in which cats participated in all sorts of occult evil.

Alleged fiendish felines cats throughout history have included killer cats in league with accused witches, and even a ghost cat stalking the halls of the United States Capitol, whose appearance is said to foretell imminent doom and disaster, he said.

The origin of suspicious attitudes toward cats has its roots in a rejection of Egyptian tradition by former Jewish slaves, explained Koudounaris. Worshipped by the Egyptians, cats became a symbol



Cat's out of the bag: This drawing from medieval Lyon, France, shows a witch using a cat to control the weather.

of pagan devil-worship in the Judeo-Christian tradition.

"Cats just had a terrible reputation because the Judeo-Christian really turned its back on them after leaving Egypt," Koudounis said. 'They were seen as demons of the desert."

Superstitious medieval Europeans also saw all animals as more susceptible to demonic possession because of their lack of faith, which they considered a Christian human's main form of defense against forces of evil, Koudounis said.

The notion of cats as in league

with evil persisted as late as the turn of the 20th century. But once writers, artists, and other weirdos started to take the animals as pets, society's view of them slowly began to turn around — although they can remain a polarizing subject.

"People are pretty either/or when it comes to cats—they love them or

hate them," Koudounis said. But his upcoming talk is for both

cat people and dog people alike. 'If you love cats, you're going to love this lecture, and if you hate cats, you're going to love it even more," he said.

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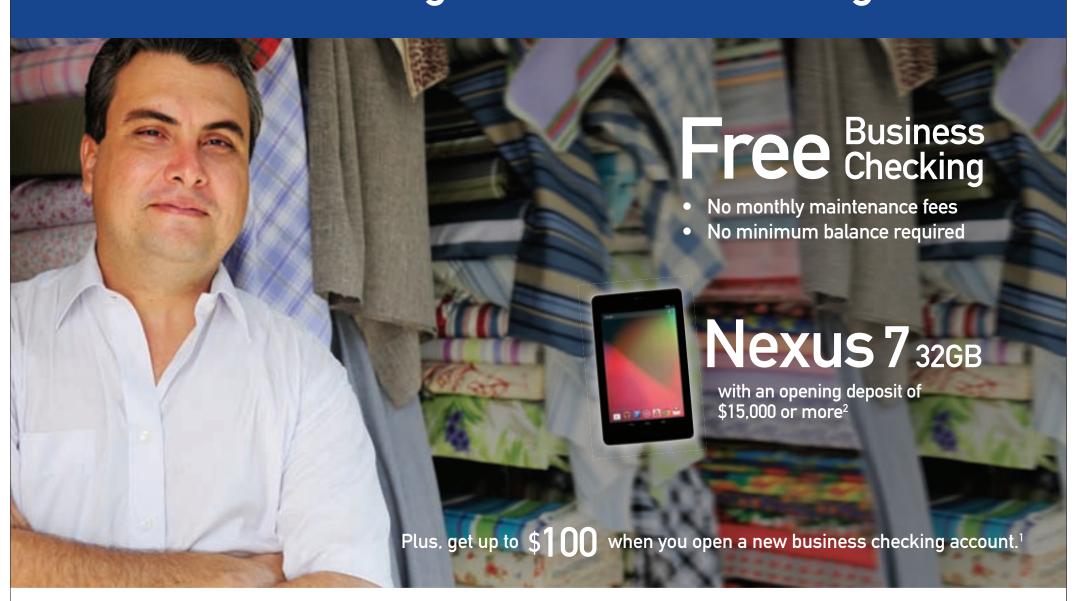
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Teacher's helper: Music instructors Ginger Dolden and Pete Lanctot give their adult students a drink or two to help them loosen up.

# Cheers for fears

### Park Slopers use booze to teach music

By Max Jaeger The Brooklyn Paper

lways wanted to learn a musical instrument, but held back by stage fright? Try a little liquid

A pair of Park Slope music teachers are helping their adult students allay firsttimer jitters by pairing beginner guitar and violin lessons with alcohol. Instead of starting lessons with scales or chords, string ticklers Pete Lanctot and Ginger Dolden kick off their Booze Violin and Booze Guitar group classes by pouring their pupils a drink or two.

to this establishment continue

into modern times. Novelist

Jonathan Lethem, who wrote

the detective story "Mother-

"You have all these inhibitions when you first start, and it's really hard for people to relax," said Lanctot, a certified music teacher and faculty member at the Brooklyn Conservatory of Music in Park Slope. "We figured if we tied in booze somehow would make a fun environment."

But the hooch is as much a social lubricant as a creative one, and serving drinks is also about helping students in a group class open up to one

another, Dolden said.
"It's a lonely process if you're embarking on trying to play an instrument as an adult," she said. "Having a

"You can sense the history in that place," he said.

The fact that history is still so apparent in Brooklyn is what Chase likes best about

his newest pub crawl. "Manhattan just changed so quickly," he said. "But in this part of Brooklyn, the buildings are all the same buildings. There's such a unique identity.'

in Bay Ridge), www.nycgovparks.org.

### **PERFORMANCE**

MUSIC, GINGERLYS, PALE LIGHTS, MAKEOUT VER-TIGO: \$10. 8 pm. Friends and Lovers (641 Classon Ave. at Dean Street in Crown Heights), www.

loversbk. COMEDY, NEW ZEALAND VS AMERICA: With Steve Wrigley. \$8. 8 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth

### **OTHER**

### MUSIC

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community is key if you're trying to started.

The duo teaches the liquored-up lessons to groups of 10-15 adults over an eight-week semes-

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in Williamsburg has its

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ter at their Navy Yard studio. The course culminates in a recital performance at a local music venue — in years past, the classes have performed at Littlefield and Shapeshifter Lab in Gow-

anus, Lanctot said. When they're not rocking Brooklyn bars, Lanctot and Dolden also give private lessons. But they added three

"booze" classes to their rep-

ertoire in 2013 to reach more

classes and eight vino-im-bued violin classes this fall. Students can choose from weekday evening or weekend afternoon time slots for the one-hour sessions, and can bring their own axe or rent one. A former violin student said the classes provided a

people, they said. The lessons

were such a hit, the duo is now accepting enrollments

comfortable environment for picking up what is often considered a tough-to-learn instrument.

"The group lessons are actually a lot of fun — there's not as much attention on vou so vou can relax a little," said past student Emily Gref, who lives in Kensington. "Of course, the drinks help with that.'

By Bill Roundy

Brooklyn worked for the Brooklyn Daily Eagle, which had offices around the corner on Old Fulton Street, and lived in the area when he first published an edition of his seminal work "Leaves of Grass."

From there, the scribe stroll heads to Montero's Bar and Grill on Atlantic Avenue, a mainstay of the Heights since 1947. Author Frank McCourt lived in an apartment above the nautical-themed watering hole in the 1980s, renting it from the bar's matriarch Pilar Montero. The place has not changed much since first opening its doors to serve the

**OTHER** 

Author Joshua Wolf Shenk in conversation with Eamon Dolan. Free. 7–9 pm. Pow-erHouse Arena [37 Main St.

at Water Street in Dumbo,

(718) 666-3049], www.

powerhousearena.com

ARRESTED DEVELOPMENT

BINGO: Win free drinks and frozen bananas while

watching episodes of cult comedy "Arrested Devel-opment." Free. 8:30 pm. Videology (308 Bedford Ave. at S. First Street in Williamsburg), www.videol-ogv.info.

TALK, "POWERS OF TWO":

Merchant Marines who used to dock along the nearby waterfront, Chase said.

'It's a dive bar, but it's a fantastic dive bar," he said. "And it really feels like Brooklyn. Its a complete relic."

The last stop is The Brooklyn Inn, a Hoyt Street outpost that claims to "maybe be" the borough's oldest bar. But the literary connections

[1087 Broadway, between Lawton and Dodworth streets in Bedford-Stuyve-sant, (718) 453–6343],

**OTHER** 

ROOF": Outdoor screen

ing. Free. 9 pm. Brooklyn Bridge Park, Harborview Lawn (Enter at Old Fulton

St. near Furman Street in

Dumbo), www.brooklyn-bridgepark.org.

Win free drinks, show tickets, and cash. \$5. 8 pm.
Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638–4400], www.

FRI, AUG. 8

PARK SLOPE BINGO CLUB:

unionhallny.com

FILM, "CAT ON A HOT TIN

less Brooklyn" which is set in Boerum Hill, spent time at the tavern. And "Bored to Death" creator Jonathan Ames held a wake for his cancelled TV Chase said.

show there in 2011. Even so. the Inn is clearly a classic.

vance). 8 pm. Baby's All Right [146 Broadway be-tween Bedford and Driggs avenues in Williamsburg, (718) 599–5800], babysall-MUSIC CHORAN FLEK

GERM: \$12 (\$10 in ad-

TRIK, ORNAMATIK, RAYA BRASS BAND: \$10. 8:30 pm. Jalopy Theatre [315 Columbia St. between Hamilton Avenue and Woodhull Street in Red Hook, (718) 395–3214],

MUSIC, BLKKATHY: \$8. 8 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638–4400], www. unionhallnv.com

MUSIC, THE ROSEBUDS, JESSE MARCHANT, DANA BUOY: \$15. 9 pm Rough Trade NYC (64 N. Ninth St. between Wythe and Kent avenues). www.

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### SAT, AUG. 9

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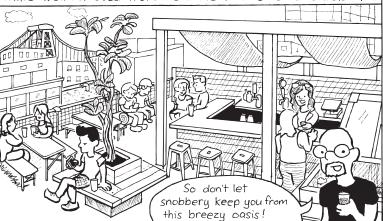
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### WED, AUG. 6

### **PERFORMANCE**

MUSIC, JOHN LEGEND: \$45-\$145. 8 pm. Barclays Center [620 Atlantic Ave. at Pacific Street in Prospect Heights, (917) 618–6100], www.bar-

MUSIC, WILL STRATTON, OLD ROBES, HMS: \$8. 8 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638–4400],

MUSIC, OMAR SOULEY-MAN, DUTCH E GERM, MICHAEL BEHARIE: \$16 8:30 pm. Glasslands (289 Kent Ave. at S. Second

www.glasslands.com

### THURS, AUG. 7

MUSIC, BUTLER, BERN-STEIN AND THE HOT 9: Free. 12pm. MetroTech Commons at MetroTech Center (Metrotech Center between Lawrence and Bridge streets), www.bam

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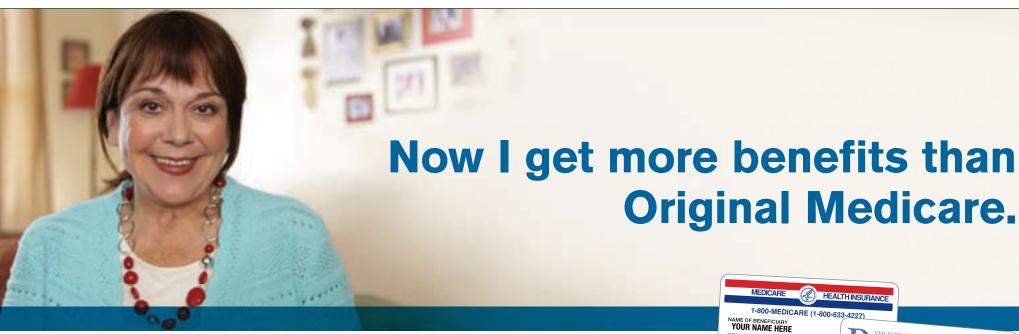
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# **Good run in July**

**Cyclones 3** Vermont 2

July 26 at MCU Park

The Cyclones were able to pick up a second win against the Lake Monsters behind the reliable Corey Oswalt in the final game of the series before going on the road.

The Cyclones got on the board first, scoring two in the second inning. Tyler Moore, who went three-for-three, started a rally off with a leadoff single. Moore would get thrown out at home on a fielder's choice, but William Fulmer knocked in two runs on a run-batted-in single.

Oswalt pitched six solid innings, giving up two runs on five hits with six strikeouts. The Lake Monsters hit a pair of doubles off Oswalt in the third to give them their first run. They tacked on another in the fifth on a Yairo Munoz sac fly.

The winning run for the Mini-Mets came off of Moore's bat in the third. After Michael Conforto hit a single and stole second, Moore knocked a double to right field that brought him around.

The Cyclones set-up man Kelly Secrest pitched a scoreless seventh and eighth innings, leading the way for closer Shane Bay to pick up his sixth save of the year.



### Lowell 3

July 27 in Lowell

The Cyclones bats finally woke up on Sunday night as they faced the Spinners for the first time this eason, putting the bat to the ball 15 times

The Mini-Mets got an early lead in the first as Michael Conforto plated Amed Rosario, who reached on a force play that took out Adrien Abreu. The Cyclones' lead didn't last long as the Spinners scored two runs in the bottom of the inning.

After a rough bottom of the third inning that took out first baseman Michael Katz when he twisted his knee trying to make a play, the Clones comeback started in the fourth when Wil Fulmer hit a single that plated Michael Bernal. Bernal went four-for-four.

The Cyclones regained the lead in the fifth with the help of small ball, and continued the success late into the game, scoring four in the eighth. Spinners pitching allowed two walks and a single by Rosario, which



Corey Oswalt helped lead his team to a win against the Lake Monsters at MCU Park on July 26.

scored the first run of the inning. Jhoan Urena had not had a hit the whole game and was at risk of ending his 12-game hitting streak but extended it with a single that scored Abreu. Bernal hit a double to plate Rosario and Urena for the final run of the game.

### Cyclones 8 Lowell 5

July 28 in Lowell

A two-out, six-run explosion in the sixth inning erased a 2-1 deficit and stormed the Cyclones

Amed Rosario began the frame with a double to right and, after a pop out and a walk to Mike Conforto, a wild pitch put runners at second and third. Michael then struck out swinging, but five straight two-out hits, including a double by Anthony Chavez, plated six Clones.

Three relievers helped starter Alberto Baldonado earn his first win of the season, with Shane Bay earning his eighth save.

The win put the Cyclones back at .500, nine games behind the firstplace Hudson Valley Renegades.

# Cyclones go streaking

son are nothing if a not a team of streaks, some good, some bad, sometimes great, and sometimes just awful, but like it or not, this what the Cyclones are. Streaks come and go in all sports. Streaks can be exciting as well as frustrating. No team is exempt from these peaks and valleys, and it is the great team that sur-

season. The Mini-Mets had one of the team's worst losing streaks in franchise his- By Brooke Lynn Cortese tory in July. Starting on July 10, the Cyclones lost eight games in a row when the

team's bats fell asleep. During the downturn, the Clones scored just 23 runs and were shut out twice. Not only was the team not putting the ball in play, but

they were striking out more than any other team in the New York-Penn League, and doing so at a rate that shocked me, fans, and -most importantly manager Tom Gamboa.

When a team is in a long losing streak, it seems like anything that can go wrong will, and Gamboa saw that happen-

ing with his young lineup, especially after a 15-inning loss on July 18, the final bludgeoning in the streak.
"When you're losing eight

in a row, when the other team would make an error, it seemed like our next guy would hit into a double play," he said. "It seems like everything bites you when you're going bad."

**Brooke Lynn** vives them to see the post-

> Streaks like that often effect a team's confidence, but after that 15-inning game, things started to turn around for the players as their bats started to wake up, and confidence rose as the team won three in a row

Not only has the team as a whole seen its streaks, but several individuals have had streaks of their own. Third baseman Jhoan Urena has had two separate and equally impressive hit streaks this season. His first was a 13-game streak that started on June 20 This hit

tive streak in the New York-Penn League. Urena was also the first teenager to achieve this feat. His second, which ended on July 28, also lasted 13 games. He is only the second Cyclone to have two separate hit streaks lasting more

ing Angel Pagan, who played for the Clones during the team's inaugural season in 2001.

> Hot streaks like that are exciting for fans to watch, because they are to waiting for his next

at bat to see what else he can do, and they get the attention of management. 'To think that he's 19 years

old, and hitting a solid .300, is a credit to the ability level,' Gamboa said of his very young third baseman. Streaks will come and go,

and that is the nature of the sport, but it is exciting to see young players experience the good ones, and it is interesting to see how the Cyclones will power through the bad

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# Gay bar to close

### **Excelsior opened in Slope 15 years ago**

By Noah Hurowitz The Brooklyn Paper

The popular Park Slope gay bar Excelsior is closing on Sunday, but its owners say this final call won't be their last.

The proprietors are busy browsing real estate listings and are confident they'll find another place to set up shop before long, a feeling they say the pub's name helps them maintain.

"'Excelsior' means ever onward and upward, and that's what we plan on doing," said Mark Nayden,

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one of the bar's co-founders. "There's been a black cloud hanging over everything, but I don't want the negativity anymore. We're going to find a better space and we're going to continue to serve the community."

Nayden found out in June that the bar was going to be losing its home. He and his husband have managed Excelsior for 15 years, having moved into the building shortly after their landlord bought it. They opened with a 15-year lease, and were in the process of renegotiating it earlier this summer when their landlord said he intended to sell.

Nayden said the landlord gave them the choice to purchase the property for \$2.2 million, but on short notice raising that amount was out of the question.

The landlord declined to comment, saying that the sale is still pending.

Park Slope is now crammed vith bars and restaurants, many of them gay-friendly, out Nayden said when he first opened the saloon, establishments like it were few and far between

"Fifteen years ago, there wasn't much else," he said. 'We've really been an anchor in the community, and we're proud of that."

The bar has been more of a neighborhood watering hole than a pick-up spot, according to one regular.

This sounds cliche, but we compare it a lot to 'Cheers,'" Chris Christman said. "It's a neighborhood bar that happens to be a gay bar."

Christman said he was on hand for Excelsior's long-



Mark Nayden, right, stands with his longtime partner and new husband Richard Kennedy outside Excelsior, the Park Slope gay bar they have run together for the past 15 years.

ago opening day and plans to grab a stool at the next

The closing could not have come at a more hectic time for the pair of bar-

On Monday employees and Excelsior regulars were busy preparing for Nayden's wedding to his business partner and boyfriend of 24 years Richard Kennedy.

# Car smash spree

**By Matthew Perlman** The Brooklyn Paper

A crew of hooligans smashed the windows of 20 cars early on Tuesday morning in Fort Greene, police said.

Cops fielded a call from a bystander at 4:41 am reporting a roving band of four or five 20-somethings running away from the scene beneath the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway, according to the NYPD.

The vehicles were parked near Clermont Avenue in the lot that runs along Park Avenue, law enforcement officials

The bandits, who police say were wearing hooded sweatshirts, looted items from some of the vehicles, but it is not clear if all were burglarized, cops stated.



This car is one of 20 that felt the brunt of bandits who went on a vehicular bashing spree on Tuesday.

### Readers call reporter for reservations

The Bossert effect

By Matthew Perlman

The Brooklyn Paper We are not looking for that

kind of tip.

No one has been able to book a room at the Bossert Hotel in Brooklyn Heights since the late 1980s, and the developer who is renovating it hasn't said much about the project beyond stating that it will open next year, but people are itching to get in so badly that they are calling and e-mailing The Brooklyn Paper asking how to book a room. The new owner, who bought the landmark Montague Street guesthouse in 2012, isn't surprised the public is beating down the

"It's not surprising there is already a high level of interest in the new Bossert Hotel," said Evan Thies, a spokesman for developer Clipper Equity.

"The hotel has a great history and location - and now that it will realize it's full potential with a meticulous, modern update, it will be a truly exceptional venue for events and home to guests for years to come."

The messages started in March, shortly after this reporter got a peek at the renovation in progress at the hotel that was once Brooklyn's Waldorf Astoria, hosting the Dodgers' 1955 World Series party.

One woman wanted to book a room for the Fourth of July, to catch the return of the Macy's fireworks to the East River a short walk away. Another wanted to know where she could apply to be manager. A third, from Brooklyn Heights, wanted to book her wedding there.

"The building is such a mystery for those of us who live in the neighborhood," said the bride-to-be, who asked not to be named. "We have walked past it for years and only imagined what the beautiful and historic exte-





Brooklyn Heights by early next year," Thies said. rior holds. I love the idea of

newsroom.

Hotel on the corner

in Brooklyn Heights was once considered

the Waldorf Astoria of

Brooklyn. (Left) This

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"Chetrit Group and Clipper Equity are excited to open a fully renovated and mod-

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its walls could tell."

hovah's Witnesses as the religious organization moved its headquarters upstate. The religious group had since the late 1980s used the building to house visiting followers and workers at its Dumbo offices. The devotees won a 1992 award for their restoration work, but there was apparently more to be done.

### MARKET.

Continued from page 1 a neighbor who penned a petition

calling to stop the closure. "Every time something closes in the neighborhood people say 'Oh, gentrification,' but I'm sick of hearing that — as if the community can't do anything about it," said

Annie Schoening. "I want to send

a message to developers and to the community that this isn't outside the realm of our control."

The store's departure will leave the high-end Union Market on Court Street and Whole Foods Market in Gowanus, as well as the store-brand-only Trader Joe's on Atlantic Avenue, as the area's big

### Comparison shopping

Neighbors of the Met Foods on Smith Street are bemoaning its impending closure, saying that it will leave them without a low-priced place to grab groceries in the neighborhood. We paid a visit to the doomed supermarket and the two nearest ones to see how their prices stack up. Below are the costs of the cheapest of a smattering of staple items at each shop — and it turns out C-Town gives Met Foods a run for its money. — Noah Hurowitz

Foodstuff	Met Foods	Union Market	C-Town
Head of lettuce	\$2	\$2.69	\$1.99
Gallon of milk	\$4.79	\$5.99	\$3.79
Loaf of wheat bread	\$2.99	\$4.99	\$2.99
A dozen eggs	\$1.99	\$6.99	\$2.99
Can of black beans	\$0.99	\$1.89 (they're organic)	\$1.19

The demise of the Smith Street Met Foods, marked with the X, means a further schlep and one fewer nofrills grocery store for area

grocers, with a C-Town on Bond

Street being the only comparably priced food store within five blocks of the closing Met Foods. Another Met Foods and a Key Food sit seven and nine blocks away, respectively.

One longtime shopper said the closing will be a big hassle for everyone living nearby.

This could really be devastating," said Louis Garcia, who said has frequented the store for a decade and was carrying out a load of groceries on Monday.

Garcia said that the big chains

are threatening the stores depended

on by lower-earning residents of the neighborhood where the median household income is \$71,999, according to census data. "Stores like Trader Joe's and Whole Foods are taking away

nomically viable for a lot of people," he said Met Foods and the group of de-

business, but they're not eco-

velopers did not respond to requests for comment.

Forty-six people had signed the petition to save the store as of Wednesday evening.



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MEMORIAL

York cops. "What excuse can you come up with this time? There was no gun!'

The incident occurred when, according to police. officers approached Garner after they saw him selling loose, untaxed cigarettes. Several videos of the arrest, beginning slightly after the confrontation started, have surfaced online, showing an agitated Garner begging cops to leave him alone.

"Every time you see me you want to harass me," he

In the video Garner tells officers he had been breaking up a fight, and denied their charges of illegally selling untaxed cigarettes, a contention backed up by the videographer.

"I'm minding my business," he says. "Please just leave me alone."

When officers move in to arrest the heavyset Garner, one officer, Daniel Pantaleo, uses his elbow to choke Garner as he gasps and shouts, "I can't breathe!"

Garner died shortly thereafter although the medical examiner's office has not declared an official cause of death.

Several pols joined Sharpton at the funeral, which was held near the Gowanus Houses where Garner spent his first 15 years. Public Advocate Letitia James took to the pulpit to pledge her support for new police training guidelines and the video-re-



Eric Garner's shows the city has no love for black people.

cording of all street stops. "We will demand justice in the city of New York," James "I promise a full and

complete investigation." But for the Brownsvilleaised Rev. Sharpton, who has spent much of the past three decades rallying people against perceived in-

justices affecting African Americans, new training guidelines aren't enough. "You don't need training to stop choking a man after he says 'I can't breathe,' "he said, to cheers. "You need

to be prosecuted." As the mourners filed out of the church, they struck up a chant of Garner's last

"I can't breathe."

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# **TIX BLITZ FIX**

### City to dismiss delayed bus-lane tickets

By Vanessa Ogle The Brooklyn Paper

The city is backing down after sending out a flurry of long-delayed traffic violations.

Drivers suddenly began receiving a wave of summonses they accumulated in the three months since the city activated surveillance cameras to ticket those driving in the dedicated bus lanes created for the new B44 Select Bus Service.

When locals realized that they had racked up as much as \$7,000 in fines after enforcement began, but before the first notice arrived in the mail, they reached out to Councilman Chaim Deutsch (D-Sheepshead Bay). The pol appealed to the Department of Transportation to void the tardy tickets.

"It is common sense they should do it," said Deutsch. "Getting summonses three months later is not nor-

Fortunately for the drivers, "common sense" prevailed, and the city has agreed to dismiss all but drivers' first violation from March 17 to July 25 — and drivers who have already paid multiple tickets can expect a refund.

"Recognizing this was the city's newest SBS route, we understand it might take time for motorists to adjust to the regulations," said Scott Gastel, press secretary for the department. "For those who recently received multi-





ple violations from the spring, DOT will dismiss all but the first violation."

Locals facing thousands of dollars in fines are thrilled by the ticket dismissal. One resident, whose family got hit with 13 tickets and expected even more, said it seems too good to be true.

(Above) Yelena and Yevgvemiy Vasilenko just last month started receiving tickets for driving in the bus lane in March. (Left) A van drives in the bus lane near the corner of Rogers Avenue and Montgomery Street.

"Wow - I can't even believe it," said Yelena Vasilenko, a Sheepshead Bay resident. "It is like a movie."

David Oliel of Coney Island expected nearly \$7,000 in tickets and had already paid \$700, but now he's jumping

for joy — literally.
"I was jumping," said Oliel of the moments after he heard about the reprieve. "I started screaming — it is a big break.'

Now, instead of worrying about thousands of dollars of debt, Oliel is planning how he will spend the money he thought was going towards

"My son — soon, he is getting married," said Oliel. "We're going to use the money for his wedding."

Deutsch first pointed out the issue to the city last week, and he said he was pleased by the swift reaction.

"When I brought this injustice to the attention of the Department of Finance and the Department of Transportation, I was impressed by the quick positive response I received," he said.

The dedicated lanes for the B44 Select Bus Service were created last November, but enforcement didn't begin until March 17 — four months later - leaving drivers lots of time to develop bad habits. Some motorists complained that the long delay between starting enforcement and sending the tickets unfairly lulled them into thinking that they could continue to use the bus lanes conse-

"If I got the ticket a week or even a month later -I'd stop right away," said Aron Rosenbaum of Williamsburg, who received 25 tickets—at one point getting eight tickets in one day.

Rosenbaum said he's relieved to hear about the city's promise to dismiss most of his tickets. But he is going to remain on guard until the violations are cleared from

"I'm not as nervous as I was last week," said Rosenbaum. "When I see it, I'll believe it — I don't want to get disappointed.

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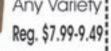
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# **Keys to the castles**

### Downtown honchos promise to make it easier to score affordable housing

By Matthew Perlman The Brooklyn Paper

A group of politicos, activists, and real estate induseasier to win the housing lottery Downtown.

One thousand one hundred below-market-rate apartments are slated to go on the market in the neighborhood during the next three years, according to the Downtown Brooklyn Partnership, which is joining other Downtown movers and shakers to host a series of workshops guiding Brooklynites through the application process. Tucker Reed, president of the Partnership, a pro-business group, says the effort is meant to ensure everybody gets a fair shot at

the coveted real estate. "Getting these units built is not enough," Reed said. "We also have to make sure local families have access to

these units.' Applying is difficult and minor errors, such as using correction fluid on the paperwork or listing a child on an application that has been listed on another parent's, can get your form tossed, the group said.

The process is so fickle some buildings end up with fewer applicants than set-aside apartments, Reed

said. "These small and often fixable problems have become so common that de-



Councilwoman Laurie Cumbo talks about how classes will stabilize Downtown and its envi-

velopers sometimes don't get enough eligible applicants to fill their affordable-housing lottery," Reed said.

Another issue the workshops are set to tackle is financial literacy. People who are selected by the lottery. which is run by the Department of Housing Preservation and Development, still have to pass a credit check before they get the keys to their new pads.

The spokesman for a major area developer said the rules make for a catch-22.

"You have to be poor and have good credit in order to qualify," said Thomas Montvel-Cohen, a rep for the City Point project, which includes 125 so-called "affordable" units. "Unfortunately that's often a terrible contradiction.

The workshops are meant to help would-be renters clean up their credit scores,

Half of the below-market-rate apartments coming online are supposed to give preference to prospective renters already living in or near Downtown.

The neighborhood has experienced an explosion of luxury housing and an influx of chain stores since a 2004 rezoning opened it up to

sky-high development. A local pol said the outeach should be a stabiliz-

'This is for Brooklyn," said Councilwoman Laurie Cumbo (D-Fort Greene). This is so that Brooklyn can stay in Brooklyn."

The first workshop took place on Thursday at Brown Memorial Baptist Church in is scheduled Feb. 4 at Pratt Institute. The full schedule

### Affordable housing workshops

Hosted by Fifth Avenue Committee at Hanson Place Seventh-day Adventist Church (88 Hanson Pl. between S. Portland Avenue and S. Oxford Street in Prospect Heights, www. fifthave.org). Nov. 13 at

Hosted by Mutual Housing Association of New York at Pratt Institute (200 Willoughby Ave. between Hall Street and Classon Avenue in Clinton www.mutualhousingny.org). Feb. 4, 2015 at 6:30 pm. Hosted by Pratt Area Community Council at In-

gersoll Community Center (177 Myrtle Ave. between Prince and Navy streets in Fort Greene, www.pacc. publishpath.com). 10, 2015 at 6:30 pm.

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# Cooking the books

Sunset Park library's month without AC

**By Max Jaeger** The Brooklyn Paper

Sunset Park bookworms

will have to sweat it out for a few more days before cooler air returns to the local library. The air conditioner at the

Sunset Park Branch of the Brooklyn Public Library went kaput on July 7, leaving literature lovers in a hot spot for the last month. "That's a long time," said

resident Margaret Murphy, who braved the heat on July 25 because her daughter wanted to go to the library "I don't know how they could operate like this."

The library tried to fix the ferkockte Freon fans but failed, so it had to order "four large capacity portable units" as a stopgap measure. But those weren't scheduled to arrive until Aug. 1, after press time, and won't be operational until Aug. 5, a library spokeswoman said. The temporary fix took nearly a month because such portable air conditioners are in demand this time of year, she said. The library could not say when a permanent solution would be in place.

Meanwhile, library users are slogging through, despite the sultry conditions.

"People have stuff they've got to do," said Franc Pohole. a blogger who has been publicizing the issue on sunset-



Margaret Murphy and daughter Nora Petitgrand said the key to surviving a sweltering library is drinking plenty of water.

park.com. "I'm in here al-

most every day.'

The heat has been so bad at 451 degrees Fahrenheit. that the library closed early Library-goers said they are looking forward to chilling three times this month — on July 14, 15, and 23 — totalout with a good book once the ling 5.5 lost hours of opclimate controls are fixed. eration, the spokeswoman

"Any time you come to the library when it's hot, it just Temperatures soared close sucks," said Sunset Park hoto 90 degrees those days, but meowner Monte Amon.

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# **Victory dance**

### **Zumba record at MCU Park**

**By Max Jaeger** 

Zumba Daddy did it again!

The patriarch of prance broke his own record for Brooklyn's largest Zumba class on July 20 at MCU Park with more than 500 people cavorting to raise money for cancer research. Despite hitting a personal best, the busta-move maven said there's still room to grow.

"I think the crowd was a little sparse because it was such a nice beach day," said Joe Gillette, known as "Zumba Daddy" for his love of the fitness craze. "It was still pretty successful, I have to say."

Gillette got 504 people to drop cancer-fighting Relay for Life a \$5 donation and take to the ball field for a giant group get-down - that's 70 more people than his previous record, but well short of the 6,671-person Guin-

\$4,700, which brings the Relay for Life's 2014 haul to \$107,000 — \$37,000 more than it raised last year, and a major victory for the charity, Gillette said.

Life, if you can go up \$10,000, it's solid," he said.

ness record he hopes one day to best.

Zumba against cancer. a cancer survivor and her All told, the event raised

around," said Tania Aber-'Usually with Relay for novich, whose 10-year-old daughter Alexiana Deprima After the Zumba zoo, threw the pitch. "We're try-

caregiver mother got to throw out first pitches in the Cyclones' 6–0 slaughter of the Williamsport Crosscutters. "It was just an amaz-

Hundreds gathered at MCU Park on July 20 to

August.

ing day for her, all the way has not affected her arm, Gillette said.

"I was impressed," he said. "She really threw some lefty

ing to make every day as fun,

memorable, and meaningful

as possible before she goes

in for her brain surgery in

health battle apparently

Southpaw Deprima's



# War, peace, and tweens

re we going into World War III?" my 10-year-old asked me the other day. His brother was reading

the news about the Malaysian Airlines flight being shot down out loud from his iPhone, and we had been talking about the tragic horrors of the Middle East.

I felt like I felt the time we sat in the car in a McDonald's parking lot in North Carolina as we waited to see if the tornados blowing through would pick up our car and throw us back down again, like we'd heard they'd done to tractor trailers between us and the next highway exit. He asked then, like he was

really asking now, "Are we going to be okay?"

I remember being 10 and unable to sleep imagining that "They" were coming for me, the Nazis or whomever was up next for perpetrating genocide. I saw and read a million things about the Holocaust, images that

On other nights, I imagined it was the Russians, pressing that button and annihilating us all. Nuclear obliteration seemed to be a



**Fearless Parenting** By Stephanie Thompson

real threat.

I guess nothing has changed. There are always things pitting one people gious beliefs, skin color ou name it — ostensibly for the safety of their own.

The headlines these days are scary and I can no longer shield my kids now that they are old enough to find the news themselves. My lifetime commitment to no cable means our television is never on blaring the bad scary news, and no news source comes in to our house except The New Yorker, whose deep analysis of current events largely escapes my kids except through cartoons, which make light of the world's messes.

I have tried, like Roberto Benigni in "Life is Beautiful," to pretend that it is all good amidst the truth that sometimes it isn't. I hug my friend who works for times and offer my sympathy for the impossibleness of her job. Uniting Nations? World

the United Nations some-

peace? Good luck. But why not? Strangely it was Sting who made me feel better as a kid about the Cold War. He sang the song

whose standout lyric said, "I hope the Russians love their children too." I thought to myself that they must, right? Everyone loves their children, right? I have to believe people do

love their children, all people,

however outrageous the tac-

tics they employ in the name of protecting them. The problem is that animals will do anything to protect themselves. And we don't like to think about it, but we are only animals, us humans, every single one of us. Our instincts will always kick

in, fostered by the environ-

ment we're surrounded by, to do what it seems to take

I don't know what's going to happen in the world, or who to blame when things get ugly. It seems there should be a right and a wrong, but world history shows most peoples have been on both sides at one time or another. When my kids want me to moderate a fight (which is to say punish the other for a terrible transgression), I say: "So much has happened before. How do you expect me to judge right now? Just make up and move on."

I wish that we could all make up and move on. I wish that loving our own children didn't have to mean hating other people's, and that we could realize we're really all the same before we completely ruin this beautiful world we live in together.

So when my kid asked if World War III was on the way, I couldn't honestly say for sure.

A parent doesn't always know what's going to happen, and can only promise that you'll be there to help

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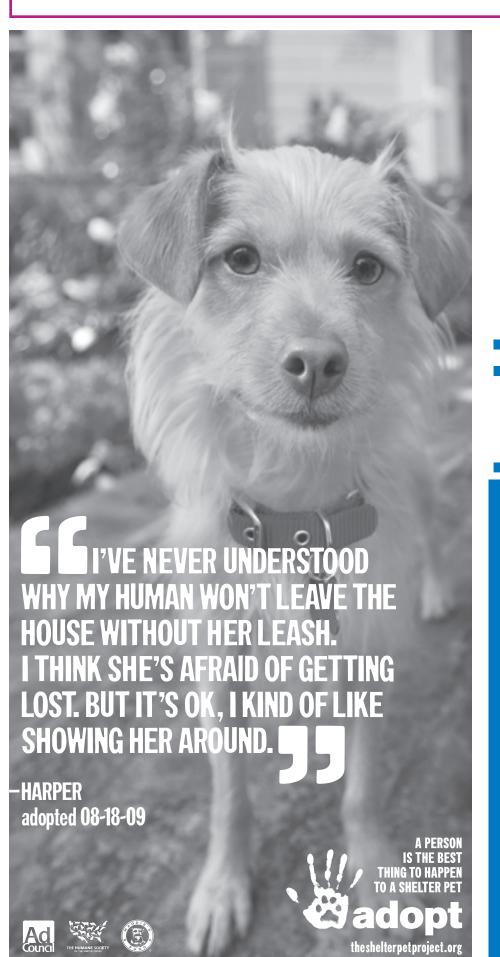
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Judgment and Sale enter and dated March I, the undersigned Referee on or about April 7, 2014, I the Referee, duly appointed in this action for such purpose, will expose for sale and sell at public aucwill sell at public auction at the Kings County Court-house, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY sale and sell a public auction to the highest bidder on August 21, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., in Room 224 of the Kings County Supreme Court located at 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201 the lianed on the 14th day of August 2014 at 2:30 PM premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, City and State of New York, bounded and de-11201, the liened scribed as follows: BEGIN-York premises designated as Block 7984, Lot 23, in the NING at a point, 0 feet 0 inches from the corner formed by the intersection City of New York, County of Kings and Borough of Brooklyn, State of New York and known as 651 East 79th Street, Brooklyn, of the southerly side of Flushing Avenue and the westerly side of Spence westerly side of Spencer Street; being a plot 92 feet 3 inches by 20 feet 0 inches by 92 feet 3 inches by 20 feet 0 inches. Block: New York, directed in and by said judgment to be sold, and more particularly described as follows: All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the 1715 Lot: 1415 Said premises known as 464 FLUSH-ING AVENUE, BROOK improve-erected, LYN, NY Approximate amount of lien \$ 17,862.18 plus interest & costs. buildings and thereon ments thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, boundplus interest & costs Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number ed and described as folsale. Index Number 18657/09 GREGORY M BEGINNING at 18657/09. GREGORY M. LASPINA, ESQ., Referee. Windels Marx Lane & Mit-tendorf, LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff Michael Resnikoff, Esq., (212) 237-1102, 156 W 56 Street, NY 10019 (\* BKLYN PAPER - \*)

point on the Northeasterly side of East 79th Street distant 324 feet 4 inches Northwesterly from the cor-ner formed by the intersec-tion of the Northeasterly side of East 79th Street and the Northwesterly side of Glenwood Road; RUN-NING THENCE Northeasterly parallel with Glenwood Road and part of the distance through a party wall, 100 feet; THENCE Northwesterly parallel with East 79th Street, 20 feet; THENCE Southwesterly parallel with Glenwood Road and part of the distance through a party wall, 100 feet to the Northeast-erly side of East 79th Street; THENCE Southeasterly along the North-easterly side of East 79th Street, 20 feet to a point or place of BEGINNING. The approximate amount of the udgment is \$9,833.98 plus nterest and other charges and the property is being sold subject to the terms and conditions stated in the judgment, any prior encumbrances and the terms of sale which shall be available at the time of

Dated: July 18, 2014 Brooklyn, New York MICHAEL FORTH, ESQ. Referee 326 Atlantic Avenue Brooklyn, New York 11201 (718) 237-2323 DAVID P. STICH, ESQ. Attorney for Plaintiff ........521 Fifth Avenue, 17th Floor, ....New York, New York 10175

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